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CSULB Award Ceremony honors Nohemi Gonzalez

The university gave Nohemi Gonzalez an Outstanding Graduate award.

By Natalie Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Nohemi Gonzalez, a senior design major, was given the Outstanding Graduate Award in the College of the Arts at the 2016 Cal State Long Beach Alumni Award Ceremony yesterday evening.

Gonzalez, who was killed in the Paris attacks last year, was given an honorary bachelor's degree.

Beatriz Gonzalez, Nohemi Gonzalez' mom, said she was proud of her daughter for being recognized by the arts department and university.

"It's an honor for me, for my family to be here and to receive the award," Beatriz said. "There are no words that I can [use to] describe the happiness and everything I feel to be here today."

Gonzalez' mother, stepfather José and brother accepted the award on her behalf.

The crowded ballroom was filled with students, faculty, alumni and their family and friends.

Gonzalez was the first to receive an award at the ceremony.

The ceremony honored one student from each of the eight colleges at CSULB.

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Nohemi Gonzalez, CSULB industrial design student, was killed in the terrorist attacks in Paris Nov. 13, 2015 while studying at the Strate School of Design. Wednesday night she was awarded the outstanding graduate award at the annual Alumni Award Ceremony.

That's a wrap for the 2015-16 ASI executive board

The ASI Senate held a sentimental final meeting and passed a few final resolutions.

By Michaela Kwoka-Coleman
Staff Writer

The Associated Students Inc. Senate met for its final meeting last night, passing its final resolutions of the spring semester.

At the start of the meeting, Sen. Yasmin Elasmar asked for the resolution regarding the establishment of a Student Oversight Committee for Risk Assessment be tabled until further notice.

The resolution was written by Elasmar in collaboration with the newly formed student coalition We Are CSULB. The committee would be a student-run organization to deal with incidents of actual or alleged violence on campus.

The committee would also be made up of members from We Are CSULB, in addition to ASI and university representatives.

We Are CSULB has a large representation from the Black Student Union. It was at the request of the BSU that Elasmar asked to table the resolution, since the BSU is undergoing a change in its executive board.

The ASI Senate then passed a resolution in support of adding more gender-neutral bathrooms on campus. The resolution was written by Elasmar and incoming ASI Vice President Logan Vournas.

The resolution encourages the university to "create, and actively maintain, gender-neutral bathrooms in every new building constructed on campus." It also encourages the ASI Board of Directors to convert existing bathrooms to gender-neutral restrooms.

Next on the list was a resolution which supports alternative food options on campus. Currently, there are no kosher or halal options on

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Amazon, bookstore alliance built on camaradire, not competition

Amazon and CSULB join forces for item pickup.

By Liam Brown
Copy Editor

Cal State Long Beach's 49er Shops' upcoming partnership with Amazon is one of camaraderie, not competition, as the campus nonprofit retailer joins forces with the billion-dollar online market to provide Amazon@TheBeach starting fall 2016.

49er Shops announced its partnership with Amazon to provide the on-campus pickup location in the University Bookstore in a press release distributed April 27, but the campus retailer had been in talks with the website for more than a year. This isn't the first time the two companies have worked together, according to Kierstin Stickney, director of marketing and communications at the 49er Shops.

Stickney cited the bookstore's textbook comparison tool, titled BeachBookCompare, which allows students to review prices from the University Bookstore as well as other online retailers such as Chegg, Half — an Ebay subsidiary — and Amazon itself as an example of past cooperation.

"This transparency in pricing has helped gain students' confidence in our efforts to truly provide the best service possible," Stickney said in an email.

The 49er Shops will receive a commission of 0.5 percent to 1.5 percent for items delivered to the Amazon@TheBeach location, according to Stickney. She also emphasized the new pickup location as usable for more than just textbook delivery.

"Amazon sells virtually everything and the impetus behind bringing Amazon@TheBeach to campus was to provide convenience for our campus community to pick up and return anything purchased from Amazon," Stickney said.

According to the National Association of College Stores, a nonprofit association focusing on campus retailers, United States college bookstores took in an average of $2 million in sales from 2014-2015.

The 49er Shops Bookstore reported $7,669,121 in gross profit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in its annual report.

Amazon spokesperson Deborah Bass did not disclose any financial agreements made with the university, but described Amazon's decision to partner with CSULB as extending a

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Leslie Gonzales | Daily 49er File Photo

Forty Niner Shops, which owns the University Bookstore, announced a deal with Amazon last week for students to pick up items ordered online on campus.

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One step ahead of the game

Easy steps to minimize the impact of traffic volume and parking congestion on campus.

By Abdiel Bustillo
Staff Writer

Two weeks from now Cal State Long Beach will be holding 10 commencement ceremonies, hosting over 9,000 graduating students, family members and friends, increasing the volume of traffic and lessening the chances of finding parking.

Unfortunately, the bad news doesn't end there.

According to a recent press release, the closure of parking Lot 7 for construction will have an additional impact on parking for the campus community including graduates and their guests.

Despite the anticipated high volume of traffic, the University Police and Parking Services have determined that there will be sufficient parking on campus during Commencement.

"Much development has gone into the parking and transportation plan for Commencement," said Keith Caires, Crime Prevention Sergeant.

Although parking Lots 5, 6 and 7 will be experiencing certain changes, nine others will be open for graduates and their guests, free of charge.

"I think it's inconvenient that the parking lots will be closed for such a big week, but ultimately I think we will all be alright," said Jordan Limon, a senior English literature major. "People are adaptable, and I think we'll find a way to be wherever it is we need to be."

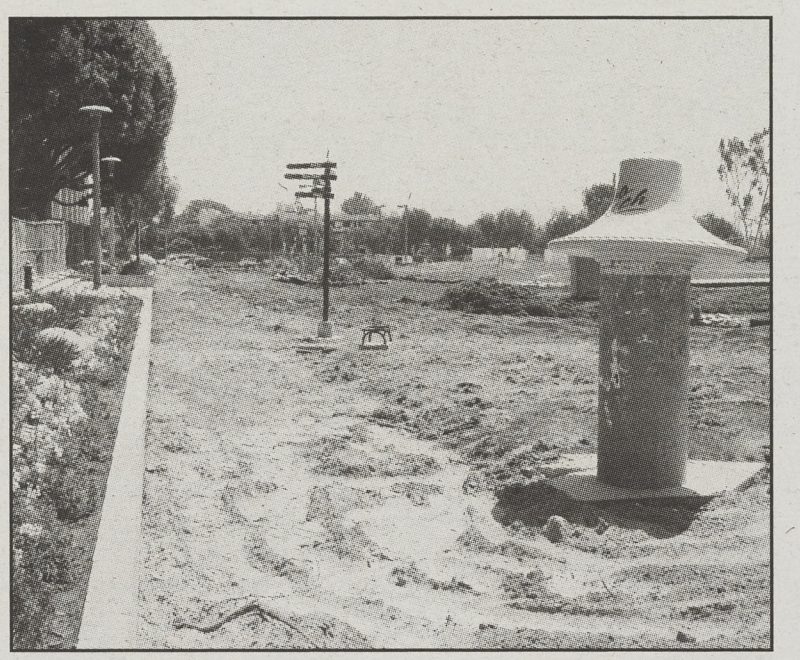
Although traffic and parking problems are inevitable, students seem optimistic.

"I feel as if parking won't be a big problem because the only people who are going to be at the commencement are in a specific major," said Omar Marchand, an English literature major. "The school is large enough to accommodate all students on an average day."

The Division of Administration and Finance said in a statement that students' normal routines and activities will be disrupted, and that every member of the campus community should plan ahead and consider ways to minimize the impact of traffic volume and parking congestion on campus, especially around the Commencement venue.

In order to ensure a smoother process in the upcoming week, students may want to consider carpooling, biking and public transportation as a means of travel to the campus.

For further information and Commencement inquiries, visit the Directions, Parking, and Maps website.



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CSULB's Lot 7 parking lot and South Campus Drive turn around is currently closed, undergoing construction which will continue throughout the upcoming graduation ceremonies that start May 17 and will conclude on May 20.

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The CFA let them eat cake

Several members of the California Faculty Association celebrated the ratification of the tentative agreement negotiated between the union and management of the California State University system on the free speech lawn May 4. The CFA handed out slices of cake, bags of chips and subway sandwiches to students and faculty members.

The CFA members approved the tentative agreement with the California State University system, with 97 percent of those who voted in favor of the deal.The online ballot was held April 22–29. Of the 23,000 CFA members, 63 percent voted.

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campus or in the dorm dining halls.

This resolution urges the university to create kosher and halal food options to better serve the different religious communities represented at Cal State Long Beach.

Current ASI Vice President Miriam Hernandez started off the meeting with a tearful thank you to all the senators and advisers who worked tirelessly throughout this past academic year. She encouraged all incoming and returning ASI elected officials to engage with the campus community in the upcoming year by attending town hall meetings and new student orientations, among other events.

After the ASI Senate finished conducting its formal business, the senators went around the room and thanked each other for their work throughout the year and then left the senate chambers, and went to the steps of the University Student Union for one final picture together.

Studymode or Cheatingmode?

New website allows students to share homework, notes, exams and essays.

By Alonna Gilmore
Contributing Writer

Students at Cal State Long Beach have been using, and possibly cheating with, Studymode Drive, a file-syncing and sharing service that brings students together to learn and collaborate. Students have access to other students' lecture notes, study guides, past exams and more for every class in every department.

The website has 70 million users across 190 countries, according to the site's homepage.

This is how the website works: Students post their study notes and other school documents. Once it is posted, other students instantly gain free access. Students can join the website through their Facebook pages, or they can make an account.

The creators of Studymode said in a statement that itsStudymode's objective is to help students succeed.

"We are trying to make it easy to connect students with high quality [study material]," Thomas Swalla, CEO of Studymode, said. "There are free resources that will help them study smarter and save money."

The website is free, anonymous and rapidly growing at CSULB, according to the company in a statement. But some are concerned about the website. While some students are sharing their work publicly so others can use the notes to study, it's possible that cheaters are sharing content such as past exams with each other.

It also gives students the chance to view other students' essays. Students can save the essays to their libraries or download them and submit them as their own work.

According a study done by Turnitin.com, a website often used by professors to check students' work for plagiarism, Studymode "is the second most frequent source of verbatim text matches used by college students after Wikipedia."

Madison Summers, a junior and liberal studies major, has mixed feelings about the website.

"Students will never learn on their own if they cheat," Summers said. "It hurts them in the long run."

Marissa Soto, senior speech language pathology major, agrees.

"[I've] never heard of the website, [but] cheating is unfair to everyone involved," Soto said. "You never really learn, and, like Madison said, I think it'll just come back to haunt you later on."

"We really care about creating something simple and well organized for our users," said Daniel Chong, user interface designer for Studymode. "It's easy for students to find whatever they're looking [for]."

The number of users on the platform has increased in the past six months. The company anticipates that it will continue to grow in a few months.

To check out the website, visit CSULB's StudyMode Drive at www.studymode.com/drive/csulb.

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A couple of Beach Bernies

Beach for Bernie, an extension of CSULB College Democrats, set up a booth and celebrity voter registration drive Wednesday in front of SS/PA. The booth featured various Bernie Sanders merchandise and a place where students could register to vote. Celebrity Kendrick Sampson from "How to Get Away with Murderer" and "Vampire Diaries" visited to get people "pumped up" and registered to vote. Political science major Kristen Hernandez states, "Regardless of what party people are from we're trying to get people to come out and get their voices heard in the election."

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helping hand to students and universities.

"Many schools are feeling the pressure around the cost of higher education," she said in an email. "We are here to offer more opportunities for students to save on their overall costs along with great customer service, better selection and convenience."

The on-campus location is also located about a mile away from an already existing Amazon Locker location adjacent to campus at the 7-Eleven on the corner of Palo Verde Avenue and Atherton Street.

When asked about the two locations, Bass emphasized the centrality of the retailer's upcoming Amazon@TheBeach location.

"...[W]e want to make sure a pickup location is as centrally located to the student community as possible so students can easily and safely pick up their packages," Bass said.

Stickney said that the 7-Eleven Locker "is not an on-campus location."

The new pickupbookstore location will also require reorganization of current bBookstore operations. Stickney described how the Campus Copy Center, currently located adjacent to the bBookstore, will be redesigned to accommodate Amazon@TheBeach. The print portion of the center will be relocated to the University Print Shop, and delivery operations will be moved inside the bBookstore itself adjacent to ID Card Services.

Amazon launched its textbook rental program in 2011, claiming it could save students 70 percent in a press release from the announcement. The online retailer first implemented college pickup locations in February 2015 with the first location opening at Purdue University. Since then, the service has expanded to University of California campuses such as the system's Berkeley and Santa Barbara locations.

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An increase in the Student Health Center fee is being proposed that would raise the fee from its current $90 per year to $150 per year over a two-year period beginning in Spring 2017. In addition, the Student Health Center's facility fee will also increase from $6 to $10 per year.

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How far are you willing to go to save an adorable kitty?

"Key & Peele" stars head to the silver screen in "Keanu."

MOVIE REVIEW

BY ROSS SIEV
Contributing Writer

Every moment of "Keanu" almost felt like a love letter to films with a mixture of the delightfully hilarious duo Key & Peele's antics.

Coming off five seasons of the critically acclaimed TV show, "Key & Peele," Jordan Peele and Keegan-Michael Key break out of television and head onto the big screen in the action-comedy film "Keanu," directed by frequent sketch helmer Peter Atencio.

Joining them is a cute, small kitten whom the comedy duo must save from gangsters and a pair of over-the-top assassins.

For those not too familiar with the television show the film is mirrored after, "Key & Peele" provides short skits based around pop culture, racial ethnicity, or all-out wackiness. This film combines all of the show's strengths into a 90-minute fest of continuing jokes that hits my laughter box more than it misses.

Jordan Peele stars as Rell, a recently dumped stoner who finds solace in smoking from his bong. What brings him out of his wallowing depression is a tabby kitten whom he names Keanu. Rell introduces the cat to his cousin, Clarence (Keegan-Michael Key).

Unfortunately, the friendship between this stoner and his kitty is cut short as the drug trading gang the Blips (who kicked out the Bloods and the Crips) steals Keanu. Thus, Rell and Clarence must break out from their normal suburban life and delve into the gangster world to save Keanu.

Both Key and Peele's dynamic chemistry works well when put into scenarios that range from inane to frivolous. Their roles as insecure men who risk their lives over a kitten is a simple concept that almost feels like a parody of action films where the stereotypical macho man is out to save the girl. The only exception is that action scenes are few and far between, but it works as most of the action trades offer funnier character moments where Rell and Clarence try to pass themselves off as trained killers.

The kitten's name almost sounds like it's a wink towards Keanu Reeves and his similar action film involving a pet, "John Wick." It's supposedly a mere coincidence, yet Reeves decided to voice the cat in a drug trip sequence late into "Keanu's" development.

The pop culture references don't stop there as Rell also dresses up the kitten in several costumes from well-known Hollywood films such as "Fargo," "Point Break," "The Matrix" and "The Shining."

It's one of those films where the niche of the referential humor would fly over later generations' heads, but for now I'll admire at several photos of Keanu dressed up as various film characters.

Even though it felt like I was watching a combination of cute cat videos and peak-hilarity "Key & Peele" sketches on YouTube, there are the usual overused character subplots where their affable issues are inherently solved during their quest to save a cat. Rell finds a romantic interest in the only woman in the gang and Clarence attempts to man himself up to prove to his wife that he is not a coward.

Beyond all of the laughter found within the insecurities of Rell and Clarence, Keanu is the real star of the film. He is played by seven kittens who all deserve an Oscar for the non-existent Best Feline Actor. The plot is simple enough to make the audience both laugh and say, "Aww," a proud enough combination in a story that evidently works well despite the tiring subplot.

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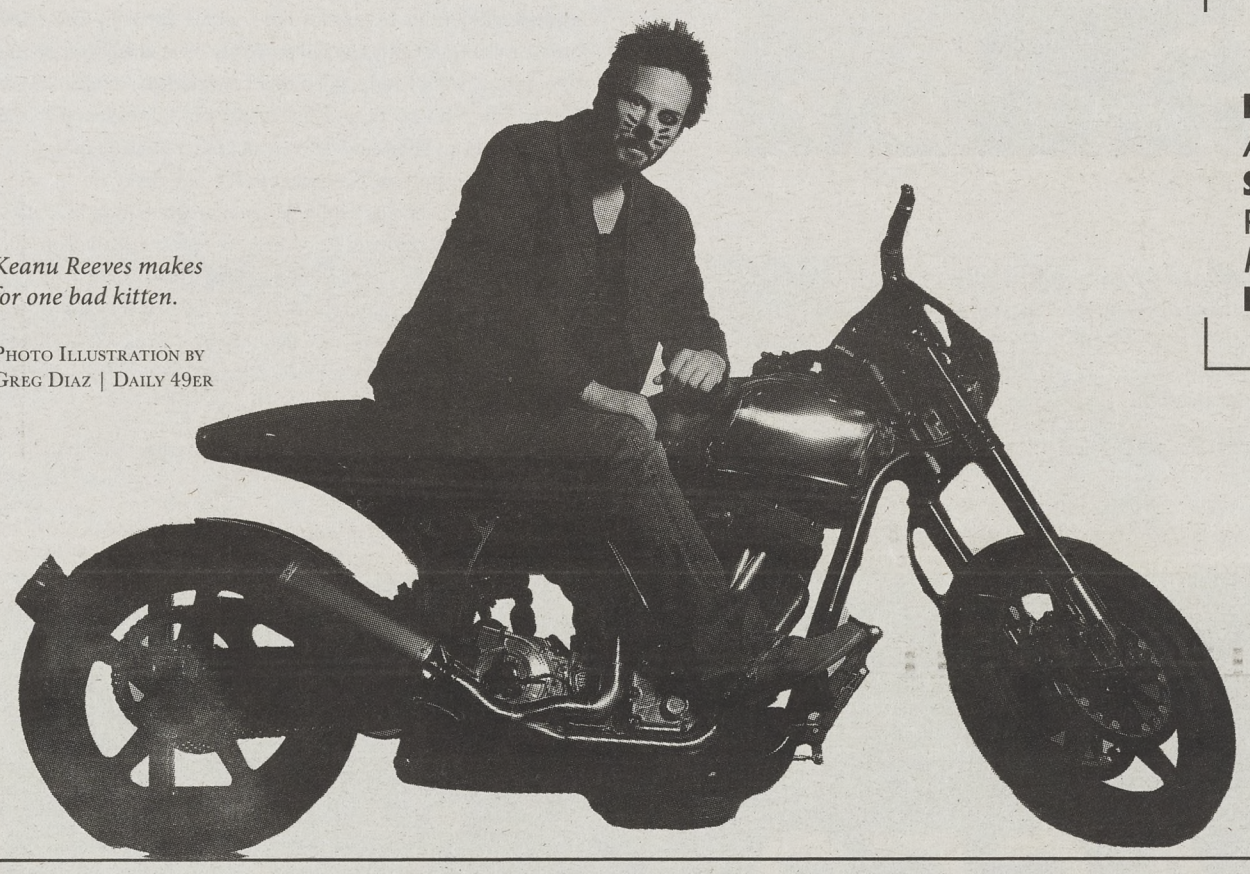
Director: Peter Atencio
Starring: Jordan Peele, Keegan-Michael Key
Rating: R



Keanu Reeves makes for one bad kitten.

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Congratulations
to the new Daily 49er staff for the fall 2016 semester.

We are still looking to fill the following positions:
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Students walking through printmaking senior Nancy Young's "As the Crow Flies," her exhibit at the CSULB student art galleries, open through May 5.

Flying from the nest

Nancy Young showcases her printmaking artwork before graduation.

BY JASON ENNS
Staff Writer

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One of Nancy Young's prints of a crow in her "As the Crow Flies" exhibit, featuring several prints of crows in different printmaking forms.

The final week of the semester is upon us, and with it the graduating seniors are making their departure, a theme captured in printmaking major Nancy Young's exhibit "As the Crow Flies."

Young's printmaking showcase is on display in the Dutzi room of the Cal State Long Beach student art galleries, featuring several prints of crows, along with images from locations Young discovered on her way to different printing studios in the Los Angeles area.

"I'm the crow," Young said, and contends that it's her time to fly away from the nest.

As the pieces continue along the wall, scenic polymer plate etchings include the number of miles Young traveled from CSULB to reach the site of the original photo.

"Polymer plate etching is kind of a less toxic way of printmaking," Young said. "A lot of the printmaking processes tend to be kind of concostic with the chemicals and stuff."

The photos Young used to make the plates were a result of her looking for crows to photograph while she was on her way to try out new studios.

"Since this is my last semester at Cal State Long Beach I basically needed to find another place to work," Young said. "As a printmaker you need places to work, like you need an etching press, you need massive room to be able to do that, you know you can't always do that in your garage."

However, Young said none of the studios she visited matched up with the resources available at CSULB.

"The studios here at Cal State Long Beach, like the print shop, are pretty amazing," Young said.

In her final week before receiving her Bachelor's in Fine Arts, Young shares with the CSULB community her works in many different forms of printmaking. She implements relief, where she prints ink onto the protruding surface of a carved piece of wood, intaglio, a technique in which the image is incised into a surface, collagraph, where materials are applied to a rigid substrate and tradigital, a cross between digital mediums and traditional printmaking.

"Another thing that I wanted to share with people [was] the different printmaking processes," Young said. "That's something that really intrigues me, most people don't know what printmaking is, they think you're in front of a Xerox machine or something."

Young has prints carved into wood and etched onto zinc plates, and will share her knowledge of the different forms of printmaking with anyone curious enough to ask.

"Printmaking helps you troubleshoot and problem solve," Young said. "It helps you think ... I think the arts helps everybody."

Young's exhibit will be open through May 5.

Craig, Osmosis, Gerg and 'Hey!'

Members of the new and old Daily 49er staff do their worst to Greg Diaz, the beloved and soon-to-be ex-Editor-in-Chief.

By Daily 49er Staff

Madison D'Ornellas
ex-Managing Editor

'WHAT GREG. WHADYA WANT. WHAT. STOP LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT. WHAT. OKAY. JESUS. JESUS CHRIST. DAMNIT.'

I will sincerely not miss you. I will not miss your smirks of judgment when I try to be creative, your brutally sarcastic optimism, and, mostly, your impeccable talent for falling into the poop pits of life.

Not good luck and infinite thanks,
Madison

Micayla Vermeeren
Editor-in-Chief elect (upgrade, if we're being honest)

Having worked under the guidance of dear Old Gregg for two full semesters, I've finally been forced to make an assessment on whether or not I like him.

Now, that's a bit difficult to do, because I have no idea who Craig Allen Diaz really is. On some days, he sneaks through the newsroom like a fox, darting around corners and finding you in your worst moments – just to stand and stare at you with eyes that are about six levels past "dead" while contorting his mouth into something between a frown and a cry for some goddamn help. Still, he remains silent, leaving you to mentally tear yourself apart in a feeble attempt to understand what you've done to unsettle him so wholly.

It's the "disappointed mom" move to the nth degree. And he's not even close to being a mom yet.

Sometimes, Gerg Za-Id shows traits uncomfortably close to those of an ex-resident of Pluto. He doesn't seem to be affected by weather, human emotion and tar inhalation, nor does he understand the vast majority of mainstream pop culture references thrown his way.

Well, that might just be because he's old as goddamn dirt.

His decrepit age does have benefits, though. When he falls asleep at his desk, he snoozes so preciously hard he doesn't wake up when we all take pictures of him and start giggling like schoolgirls. His enumerated years on this planet have given him half an ounce of wisdom, which has been known to come out in the moments it's most desperately needed.

Ew. I feel like I'm actually starting to...feel...for him. Gotta cut this quick.

Greg, get the hell out of my office and give me my freaking desk space.

Miranda Andrade-Ceja
(New) Managing Editor

Okay, so. I have intimacy issues so writing this is very difficult, because I don't really want you to dip. But you're definitely almost as old as my dad and it's time that you get the hell out of here.

But anyway, thanks for the nice stuff like the judgmental squints and useless comic book knowledge. Also, thanks for asking if I was okay after Ari's dog bit me. I didn't know how to respond to the concern so I left the newsroom to cry for 20 minutes about it. But thanks anyway. I appreciated it.

Okay see, this is why I don't have feelings. God, I think I just aged 10 years. Or developed an ulcer. I can't even tell. Thanks a lot, Greg. Bye.

Josh Barajas
Ex-Sports Editor

I respect Greg too much to do this, but I will say this: the pauses Greg takes between words makes me feel like someone is waterboarding me.

Kevin Flores
Special Issues Editor
Aka Kev-bot

I will take this opportunity to have the final word on the Oxford comma, a point of contention that has festered between Greg and I for two semesters. Without all due respect Greg, the AP Stylebook is not journalistic gospel but a musty holdover from the days of hand-drawn layouts, fixed-width fonts, and plate pagination. Sacrificing the Oxford comma for space-saving purposes is an obsolete practice—yes, obsolete, kind of like you. And like many of the other prescriptions made by the AP Stylebook, this one has lost all utility, again, kind of like you.

See Greg, writers are much like composers, who must notate for rhythm. The Oxford comma fulfills our natural expectation of repetition in a syndeton and also accounts for prosody. And most importantly, the Oxford comma reduces ambiguity. Let's take for example the sentence "One early morning in the newsroom, the campus housekeepers found Greg, a whiskey-soaked belligerent and a sloth."

See, without the Oxford comma, one would venture to assume that Greg was a drunk, idle, sweet-leaf loving mammal, which he clearly is not. But with it, your life seems utterly fascinating, enviable even. The choice is yours, my friend.

Irreverently yours,
Kev

Ariana Sawyer
News Editor and Proud Communist

Greg is a true gentleman. Remember that time he got arrested for being drunk in the newsroom? You do now.

He also cleverly diffuses all of my angry ranting with his near total silence. It's hard to keep going when the person you're talking to has nothing to say besides, " … hmph," followed by a sigh. He is the wet blanket to my fire.

Here are some of Greg's gentlemanly quotes for you to remember him by:

"Ow." And, "I'm not an alien."

Your fellow comrade,
Ari

Johnny Romero
John Snow

Greg has no levels to his rage. He just calmly yells at you.

Trang Le
Geometrical Nun

Greg sometimes chuckles, then sporadically throws abysmal flames of an extreme burn at his minions. The fire within the inner consciousness of alter ego Greg is impressive. What is going through your head, I wonder?

Emilio Aldea
Design Editor

I'm shocked and saddened, just like the rest of you, that Gregothy is graduating. "Ow!" You'd often say, as you crashed into unmoving objects. Craig, we hardly knew ye. Just remember, whenever you're sad, there will always be some stranger to think about; he's eating at Arby's, wondering when he will pass from this sad existence and into the infinite ether of space. His remains will become stardust, like all of us. Arby's: we all see your shame, but no one will acknowledge it at Arby's. I'll be right there with you. No gods, no judgements.

Paige Pelonis
Former PJ-in-Chief

Greg's road to manhood was lined with Wild Turkey(s). Danielle Carson and I raised young Greggles in a black and gold, dog-eat-dog kind of world. We never dreamed he would struggle like we did to get that darn paper out, if only to spite certain powers that be. As we watched him grow out of his awkward, quiet shell into a caffeine-induced, insomnia called EIC, we felt proud of the fact that at least we had taught him to enjoy a cup of coffee (even if for him, coffee means hazelnut syrups and steamed milk and a dash of something stronger). One day, Greg, when you're older (hard to imagine I know), Dani and I will take you for a real cup of Jo and a long talk about the realities of the world outside of the Daily Forty Whiner – which is what we used to call you before you grew up.

Good luck, kiddo! Finding another cheap place to pass out drunk will seem tough at first. We're all rooting for you.

Jesus Ambrosio
Former Newspaper Boy Extraordinaire

I've known you longer than most of the fools on this page. Don't listen to any of them.

I met you in the newsroom dungeon of SSPA at the end of spring semester of 2014. Do you realize we'll be the last generation that will remember that cell-phone reception sucking hell?

It didn't take long to become acquainted with you, especially after you wrote about Community for the Summer 49er. Over the years we both had a lot of jobs at the Daily 49er, but that's not what I'll remember. I won't think of all the sleep and stress that it was to make this damn thing, I'll think of all the people in the room trying to make something great. We had no idea what we were getting ourselves into ... we were strangers, but I'm very glad to have called you not only my boss and my dad, but also my friend.

P.S. I would roast you, but since you are my dad and all I figured it probably wouldn't be a good idea.

Lindsay Peters
Former Assistant Design Editor

I was going to start by giving a final number for the amount of time it took me to decipher our beloved Editor in Chief. I was going to announce, with pride, that I cracked the grumpy Rosetta stone that is Greg Diaz. I then realized that day hadn't come yet, but here's what I've got so far:

Greg can sense things we humans can't: like when someone's written a crappy lead so he can sneak up behind to see or when someone's about to hug him so he can back away quickly.

Greg's frame cracks and creaks as he moves like an old wooden ship, or Treebeard from Lord of the Rings.

Greg Diaz is like that dad that won't hug you or say he loves you. Whenever you accomplish something like scoring the winning point of the big game or graduating valedictorian he'll begrudge you a quiet nod. Maybe on your wedding day you'll get a pat on the back. Maybe.

But you cherish the pats and nods because he does care and he is proud, but the way he shows it just can't be helped. The same goes for Greg. So all you can do is take what you can, appreciate the gesture, respect the hell out of him and save the memories to tell your psychiatrist about later. In that order.

I'll see you in hell, Greg. Don't embarrass me in front of my cool demon friends.

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SPORTS PREVIEWS

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Sophomore first baseman Julia Lombardi throws to second base in the 49ers' 1-0 loss to Cal Poly on April 17 at the LBSU Softball Complex.

Baseball

Who: Hawai'i (18-23, 7-8)
When: Friday and Saturday at 9:35 p.m. PST and Sunday at 4:30 p.m. PST
Where: Les Murakami Stadium, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Need to know: The Long Beach State baseball team heads to Honolulu looking to continue its four-game winning streak in conference play. The Dirtbags (26-17, 9-6) also hope to avenge a sweep at the hands of the Rainbow Warriors on May 1-3, 2015.

LBSU leads the all-time series 10-6; Hawai'i won the first-ever meeting 10-0 in 1979.

Senior shortstop Jacob Sheldon-Collins and freshman catcher Kekai Rios lead the Rainbow Warriors this season. Sheldon-Collins ranks first on the team, and in the Big West, with a .411 batting average.

Rios is second on the team and seventh in the Big West with a .342 average, but the first year player is also a force behind the plate. The Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission named Rios on the Johnny Bench Award watch list. The award goes to the best catcher in the nation.

Softball

Who: UC Riverside (31-17-1, 7-8-0)
When: Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.
Where: LBSU Softball Complex

Need to know: Fresh off a series win against rival Cal State Fullerton and a 4-2 road trip, the Long Beach State softball team hosts UC Riverside.

The 49ers (28-18, 8-7) lead the all-time series against the Highlanders 50-9; however, UCR took the series 2-1 last season on April 3-4, 2015.

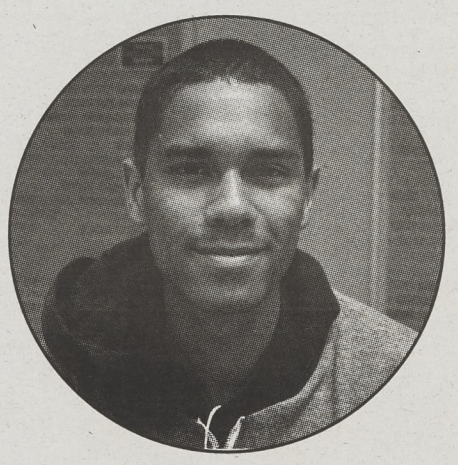
The Highlanders are on a three-game losing streak after suffering a sweep against Cal State Northridge on Saturday and Sunday. Outfielders Maddie Richard and Jenna Curtan lead UCR offensively.

Richard ranks first on the team and in the Big West with a .478 batting average. The junior also ranks second in the conference with 34 stolen bases.

Curtan ranks second the team with a .360 average and 23 stolen bases. Her 23 swipes are also good for third in the conference.

CAMPUS VOICE

WHAT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN SPORTS THIS YEAR?



"I'm on the track team and not too long ago we went to Fullerton and we competed against all our teams in the conference and Santa Barbara has been our toughest competition for a while now and I believe we beat them by a point overall."

–Cameron Ford, senior, communications

"It would probably be the Warriors. Well, Steph Curry breaking the record with the 400 [three-pointers] and the Warriors beating the Bulls' record. So, they're considered the better team for the year. That was pretty cool to see."

–Wendell Sherman, senior, geography

"What just recently happened with Kobe: his retirement and his last game. He dropped 60 points, so that was really exciting to watch. It took me back to when I was a kid, really. I would watch him on the daily and just seeing the Lakers, I was so used to them winning and always going to the playoffs and I took it for granted as a kid."

– Jose Villalpando, senior, human development

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

And then there were 4

LBSU, BYU, UCLA and Ohio State comprise the final four at the NCAA Tournament.

By Josh Barajas
Sports Editor

The Long Beach State men's volleyball team is two wins away from claiming its first National Championship since 1991, but the 49ers will need to move past No. 1 BYU on Thursday first.

The 49ers (25-7, 17-5) take on the Cougars (26-3, 19-3) in the NCAA Tournament semifinals in Rec Hall at Penn State for a chance to face UCLA or Ohio State in the championship game. It's LBSU's first appearance in the final four since 2008.

LBSU and BYU split a two-game series earlier in the season on Jan. 22 and 23. The Cougars took the first match 3-1, but the 49ers came back the next day to hand BYU one of its three losses this season.

The 49ers held BYU to a .182 hitting percentage and not a single player on the Cougars' roster, including first-team All-American opposite Ben Patch, had double digit kills.

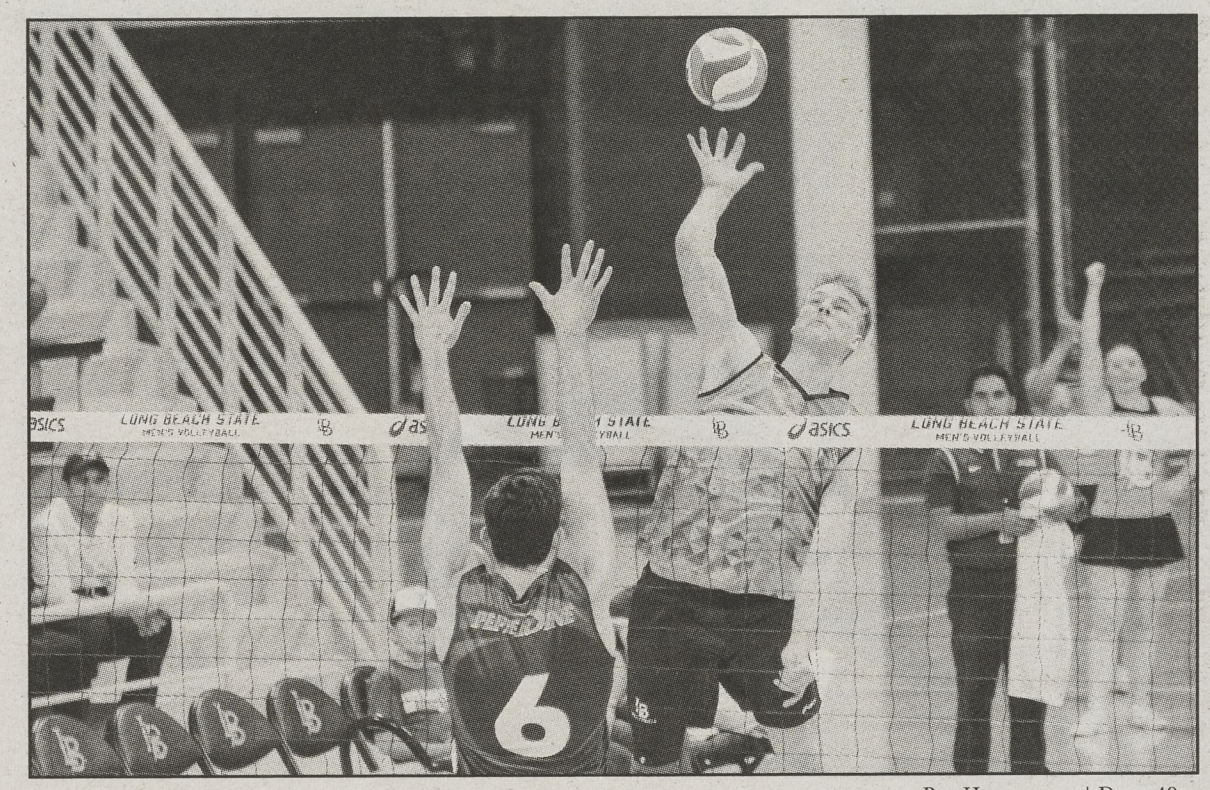
"There are a few changes here and there, but there's not a whole lot of difference [at BYU]," LBSU head coach Alan Knipe said in a press conference on Wednesday. "What it is, like anybody, they've individually and collectively gotten better. Their execution has gotten better throughout the season. I'd like to believe the Long Beach State side of the net is the same."

Patch led BYU all season with 4.41 kills per set and a .389 hitting percentage. The 6-foot-9 sophomore will likely be the focal point of the Cougar offense, but Knipe said shutting down Patch for a second time this season is a tall order.

"Ben is a really good player, he's had a great year, but like you'll hear any coach in any sport talk about, it's really hard to completely shut down a great player," Knipe said. "It's important for us to have the mindset that we would like to take some things away that are comfortable for him, and stress him a little bit."

The Cougars are riding a nine-game winning streak that includes a victory in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament final over No. 2 UCLA on April 23. Senior middle blocker Taylor Gregory said if the 49ers are to snap that streak, LBSU will need to worry about its own side of the net come Thursday.

"I think we're more focused on us and how we handle how we play," Gregory said. "We dig the ball a lot as a team and I just think we need to get back there and dig a few balls. Andrew Sato has been doing a great job of that, Kyle [Ensing] has been doing a great job of that, as well as everyone who has been playing in the back row. If we can dig the ball, I think that will give us a chance."



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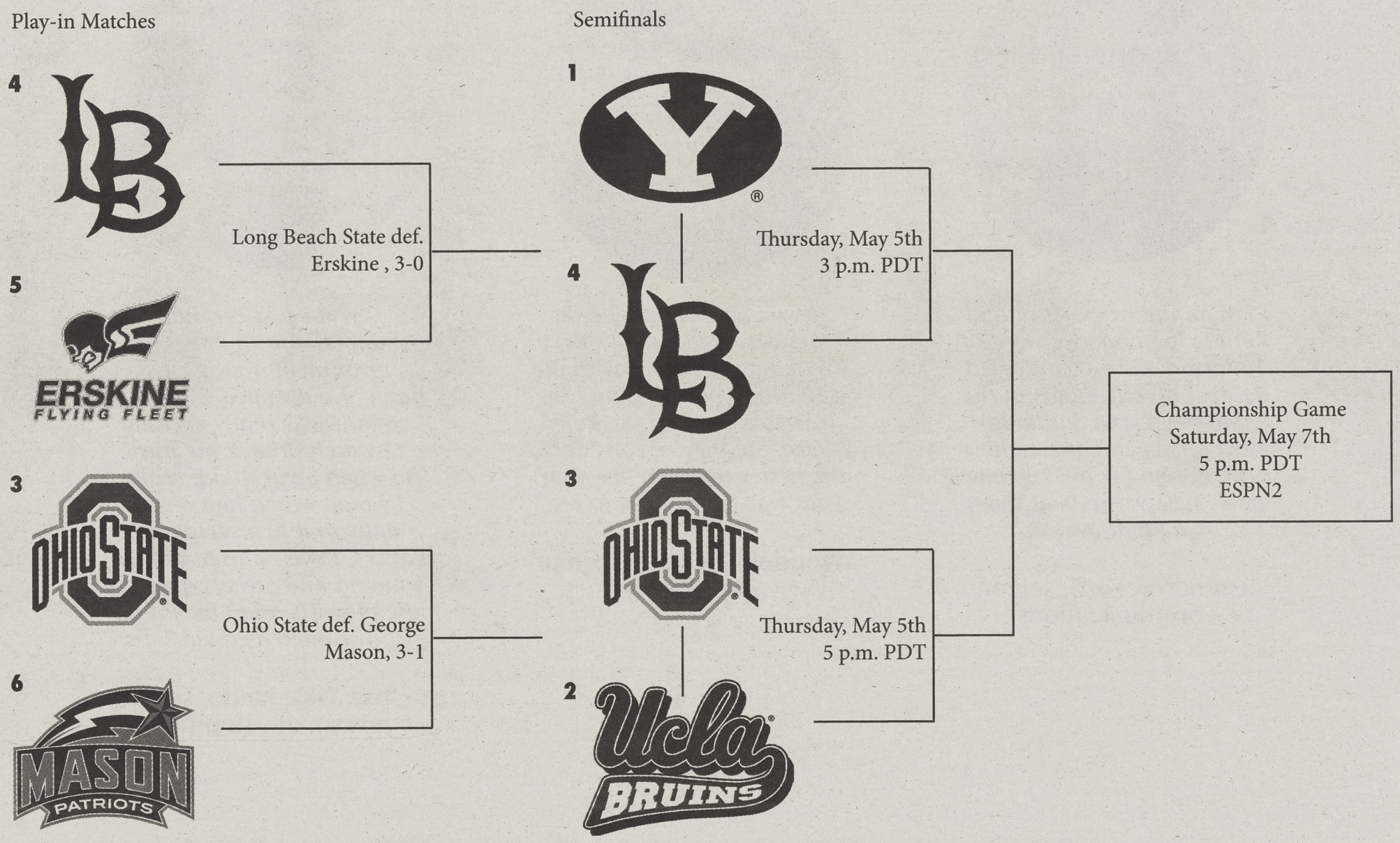
LBSU freshman outside hitter Kyle Ensing goes up to spike the ball against Pepperdine's Colby Harriman (6). The 49ers won 3-0 on Feb. 6 inside the Walter Pyramid.

The 49ers are 3-0 at Rec Hall this season, picking up a 3-0 win against Mount Olive University on March 4, a 3-1 win against hosts Penn State on March 5 and a 3-0 win over Erskine College in the play-in match Tuesday.

"[Having played in Rec Hall] will help us to calm down and to realize we've been here before in this gym and played matches against good teams," said freshman outside hitter T.J. DeFalco. "It's just going to be another volleyball game."

LBSU is coming off hitting a season-best .528 hitting percentage against Erskine on Tuesday and look to repeat that performance against the Cougars.

The 49ers take on BYU inside Rec Hall on Thursday at 3 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time for a pass to the NCAA Tournament final.

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